

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 17-23 with the following amended paragraph:

--the selected encoded picture undergoes time-division processing (normally uniformly divided in certain intervals on the ~~time~~time axis) and each of the divided pictures is regenerated repeatedly from the beginning to the end. In the meantime, divided pictures are regenerated via synthesis regeneration or image synthesis regeneration to synthesize the divided pictures on a single screen, or--

Please replace the paragraph spanning pages 8 and 9, beginning on line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

--In this apparatus, the registration section 11 sends the picture of a video material to the moving image storage section 31 when it stores the video material in the video material recorder 50. The moving image storage section 31 analyzes the scenes of this picture and appends a tag at the beginning of each ~~scenes~~scene and encodes the scenes via compression encoding then stores the resulting data onto a disk together with keyword search data. The pictures are not reduced to thumbnail images but stored in the moving image storage section 31.--